

THE REPORT
OF THE
PRESIDENT
OF
QUEEN'S COLLEGE, GALWAY,
FOR
THE YEAR 1856-57.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.



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TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

In reporting to your Majesty the proceedings of the Queen's College, Galway, during the Session 1856-57, I am happy to state, as in my former Reports, that the number of Students attending the College Lectures is steadily increasing; that the harmony subsisting among Students of so many different religious persuasions continues without the slightest interruption; and that the conduct of the Students generally has been such as to entitle them to the highest commendation.

In the subjoined tables (Nos. I. and II.) will be found the numbers and religious persuasions of the Students who have entered the College, and attended its Lectures, during each of the Sessions since its opening—including that in which I write. The tables (Nos. III. and IV.) give the number of Students attending the different classes, and the number of Lectures delivered by the Professors in each of the College Sessions. From the tables (Nos. I. and II.) it will be seen that the numbers attending the College Lectures have increased in every Session, with one exception, since the College opened, and that united education has been really carried out in this as in all the Queen's Colleges. The tables (III. and IV.) attest sufficiently the assiduity with which the Professors have discharged their duties.

I.—NUMBERS AND RELIGIOUS PERSUASIONS OF STUDENTS who have entered the Queen's College, Galway, in each year from its opening, October, 1845, to the present date, February, 1858.

Sessions.	Matriculated Students.	Non-Matriculated Students.	Total.	Members of Established Church.	Roman Catholics.	Presbyterians.	Wesleyan Methodists.	Independents.	Various.	Total.
1849-50, .	64	4	68	34	38	6	—	—	—	68
1850-51, .	23	2	25	10	8	7	—	—	—	25
1851-52, .	32	5	37	14	21	2	—	—	—	37
1852-53, .	22	2	24	8	13	3	—	—	—	24
1853-54, .	25	5	30	11	16	3	—	—	—	30
1854-55, .	26	16	42	18	19	3	2	—	—	43
1855-56, .	31	7	38	12	19	5	1	1	—	38
1856-57, .	35	8	43	16	23	3	1	1	1	43
1857-58, .	36	7	43	18	17	9	—	1	—	43
Total, .	294	56	350	129	173	40	4	3	1	350

II.—NUMBERS AND RELIGIOUS PERSUASIONS OF STUDENTS attending Lectures in the Queen's College, Galway, in each Session from its opening to the present date, February, 1858.

Sessions.	Matriculated Students.	Non-Matriculated Students.	Total.	Members of Established Church.	Roman Catholics.	Presbyterians.	Wesleyan Methodists.	Independents.	Various.	Total.
1849-50, .	64	4	68	34	38	6	—	—	—	68
1850-51, .	61	2	63	21	28	14	—	—	—	63
1851-52, .	68	5	73	26	36	9	—	—	—	73
1852-53, .	74	2	76	27	41	8	—	—	—	76
1853-54, .	76	5	81	24	47	10	—	—	—	81
1854-55, .	69	18	87	25	52	6	2	—	—	85
1855-56, .	78	7	85	24	43	14	3	2	—	85
1856-57, .	88	8	96	30	49	10	3	3	1	96
1857-58, .	92	8	100	31	47	16	3	2	1	100
Total, .	670	57	727	253	353	93	11	7	2	727

III.—*RETURN showing the NUMBER of STUDENTS attending the Lectures of each Professor, in each year since the opening of the College.*

	1848-49.	1849-50.	1850-51.	1851-52.	1852-53.	1853-54.	1854-55.	1855-56.	1856-57.
Greek, ...	20	31	24	19	24	21	21	21	23
Latin, ...	50	27	24	22	21	19	20	20	23
Mathematics, ...	54	38	38	28	27	23	25	34	34
English, &c., ...	47	43	38	23	23	23	22	27	27
Modern Languages, ...	54	23	25	19	25	37	29	34	34
Celtic Languages, ...	—	3	2	2	—	—	—	—	—
Natural Philosophy, ...	8	11	25	19	27	23	21	27	27
Natural History, ...	3	25	25	21	32	20	30	30	30
Logic and Metaphysics, ...	—	29	17	14	14	14	15	14	14
Chemistry, ...	13	25	36	23	27	23	25	40	40
Mineralogy and Geology, ...	—	4	14	15	10	14	16	8	8
Engineering, ...	2	16	11	13	10	11	9	10	10
Agriculture, ...	4	5	5	5	6	6	7	11	11
Anatomy and Physiology, ...	10	9	8	15	18	13	23	36	36
Maternal Medicine and Medical Jurisprudence, ...	—	5	9	11	10	7	8	17	17
Surgery, ...	—	—	6	13	7	7	6	13	13
Midwifery, ...	—	—	4	7	4	—	4	3	3
English Law, ...	4	4	5	5	6	7	5	4	4
Jurisprudence and Political Economy, ...	4	4	12	13	16	10	9	9	9
Medicine, ...	—	—	—	4	4	2	6	6	6

IV.—*RETURN of the NUMBER of LECTURES delivered by each Professor in each Session since the opening of the College.*

	1848-49.	1849-50.	1850-51.	1851-52.	1852-53.	1853-54.	1854-55.	1855-56.	1856-57.
Greek, ...	265	254	214	224	248	249	217	202	202
Latin, ...	270	252	212	235	233	219	217	244	244
Mathematics, ...	221	255	250	167	164	311	181	127	127
English, &c., ...	37	38	77	97	126	128	127	183	183
Modern Languages, ...	212	249	297	173	155	100	165	162	162
Celtic Languages, ...	—	90	43	30	—	—	—	*3	*3
Natural Philosophy, ...	63	154	120	207	139	175	225	174	174
Natural History, ...	—	130	85	62	85	76	63	68	68
Logic and Metaphysics, ...	—	40	114	159	125	141	133	162	162
Chemistry, ...	32	111	122	140	113	123	97	101	101
Mineralogy and Geology, ...	—	31	45	37	31	50	45	49	49
Engineering, ...	9	118	103	67	80	76	112	111	111
Agriculture, ...	—	104	112	160	144	160	102	174	174
Anatomy and Physiology, ...	111	112	111	108	100	118	104	103	103
Maternal Medicine and Medical Jurisprudence, ...	—	31	60	90	93	93	93	94	94
Surgery, ...	—	—	61	62	62	61	62	60	60
Midwifery, ...	—	—	66	70	62	—	62	61	61
Medicine, ...	—	—	—	64	62	61	62	60	60
English Law, ...	18	47	53	57	71	72	72	40	40
Jurisprudence and Political Economy, ...	20	55	60	35	106	35	40	33	33

In all my former Reports I have endeavoured to call the attention of the Government to some circumstances which still retard the progress of the Queen's Colleges, and of this College in particular. I have pointed out the several measures which, as I conceive, would render the operation of these institutions more extensive and useful. A proceeding which took place during the last Session renders it unnecessary for me to refer at present to these topics or to expatiate upon them, as the opinion of men, whose names must attract the attention of the Government and the Public, will soon be heard on the various subjects to which I allude. The Commission issued by the Crown to inquire into the progress and condition of the Queen's Colleges has investigated all the circumstances connected with them, and has listened to those suggestions which have been made with a view to increasing their efficiency. From the Report of that Commission the Government and the country will learn how far these Colleges are fulfilling the beneficent end for which they were instituted—the union and enlightenment of our people; how far the system of instruction pursued in them requires to be modified and improved; what measures are necessary to their full development, and how far they merit the continued support of the Legislature and the country.

EDWARD BERWICK, *President.*

February, 1858.

* These lectures were open to the Public.